

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as shown below in a marked-up version. A clean copy of the abstract as amended below is enclosed on the next page:

Multistage centrifugal compressor having a horizontally openable tank, ~~which can be opened horizontally,~~ comprising a lower semi-tank (11) and an upper semi-tank (12), a shaft 13 having a series of rotors 14 and a series of stages (10) each of which comprising, in turn, a series of lower semi-diaphragms 16 and a series of upper semi-diaphragms 18, a lower half-ring (21) and an upper half-ring (22) which can be coupled to form a bearing ring, the lower half-ring (21) being fastened internally to the lower semi-tank (11), and the corresponding upper half-ring (22) being fastened to the upper semi-tank (12), in each stage (10) of the multistage centrifugal compressor, the lower semi-diaphragms 16 are rigidly constrained to one another ~~by blocking means,~~ to form a first pile (41) of lower semi-diaphragms (16) and, the corresponding upper semi-diaphragms (18) are rigidly constrained to one another ~~by blocking means,~~ to form a second pile (42) of lower semi-diaphragms (16), the first pile (41) can be constrained to the lower half-ring (21) and the second pile (42) can be constrained to the upper half-ring (22).